GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department – Pedana Municipality - Allegations against the Municipal Commissioners and others of Pedana Municipality, Krishna District, for allowing unauthorized layouts by colluding with realtors - Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Sri M. Gopala Rao, former Municipal Commissioner, and eight others under Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Charges framed - Inquiry conducted - Charges held not proved - Inquiry Report communicated - Further action dropped against eight charged officers - Separate inquiry ordered for certain charges against Sri M. Vinod Kumar, former Junior Assistant, Pedana Municipality - Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 878 **Dated: 28-08-2025**

Read the following:-

1. Vigilance Report No.84 (C.No.1241/V&E/D1/2015), dated 06.09.2017 of the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department.
2. Lr.Roc.No.E-348696/2018/C3-2, dated 06.04.2018 of C&DMA, A.P., Guntur.
3. Letter RoC. No.134/2018/V.Cell-DTCP, dated 21.02.2018 of the Director of Town and Country Planning, A.P., Mangalagiri.
4. G.O.Rt.No.355, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.II.1) Dept., dated 16.04.2018.
5. G.O.Rt.Nos.356 to 365, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.II.1) Dept., dated 16.04.2018.
6. G.O.Rt.No.1061, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.II.1) Dept., dated 12.11.2018.
7. G.O.Rt.No.1169, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.II.1) Dept., dated 21.12.2018.
8. G.O.Rt.No.624, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.II.1) Dept., dated 24.09.2019.
9. Inquiry Report of Smt. V. Suneetha, JDTP & Inquiry Officer, Guntur Municipal Corporation, dated 04.11.2020, received through DTCP, A.P., Guntur, Lr.Roc.No.134/2018/V.Cell, dated 03.12.2020.
10. G.O.Ms.No.60, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.II) Dept., dated 19.05.2022.
11. Govt. Memo No.864137/Vig.II/2017/A1(E-327768), dated 06.01.2025.
12. Written Representations of Sri. D.V.S.Yella Rao dt:28.03.2025, Sri Banavath Jagan dt:28.03.2025, Sri Sriram Teja Boyina dt: .03.2025, Sri B.G.V.Veerabhadra Rao, dt:.03.20225, Smt. G.Govinda Kumari dt:06.02.2025, & Sri K.Srihari Prasad dt:Nil, and Sri P. Venkateswara Rao dt:14.02.2025, Sri M. Vinod Kumar dt:12.05.2025 and Sri M. Gopala Rao dt:12.05.2025.

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O R D E R:

Based on the recommendations of DG (V&E) in the Vigilance Report 1st read above, common disciplinary proceedings were initiated against Sri M. Gopala Rao, former Municipal Commissioner and (9) other employees (six municipal employees and four revenue employees) in the reference 4th read above on allegations of allowing unauthorized layouts by colluding with realtors and Charges were framed in the reference 5th read above, under Rule-20 of A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules, 1991.

2. Smt. V. Suneetha, Joint Director of Town Planning, Guntur Municipal Corporation, was appointed as Inquiry Officer in reference 8th read above, to inquire into the charges. The Inquiry Officer submitted her report 9th read above,

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holding that all charges framed against the charged officers were not proved. In respect of Sri M. Vinod Kumar, former Junior Assistant, Pedana Municipality, the Inquiry Officer opined that charges IV, V & VI may require a separate departmental inquiry.

3. In the meanwhile, further action against Sri B. Sangeetha Rao, former Municipal Commissioner, was abated in the reference 10 th read above, due to his demise on 10.07.2021.

4. The Inquiry Report was reviewed and accepting the findings of the Inquiry Officer, a copy of the Inquiry Report has been communicated to the charged officers in reference 11 th read above, under sub-Rule (2) of Rule 21 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991, for their written representations.

5. The nine charged officers, namely (i) Sri M. Gopala Rao, former Municipal Commissioner, (ii) Smt. G. Govinda Kumari, TPO, (iii) Sri K. Srihari Prasad, TPO, (iv) Sri P. Venkateswara Rao, TPS (Retd.), (v) Sri D.V.S. Yella Rao, former Tahsildar, (vi) Sri Banavath Jagan, the then Sub-Registrar, (vii) Sri Sriram Teja Boyina, the then RI, (viii) Sri B.G.V. Veerabhadra Rao, former VRO, and (ix) Sri M. Vinod Kumar, former Junior Assistant, submitted their written representations accepting the findings of the Inquiry Officer and requested to drop further action and exonerate them fully from all charges. Sri M. Vinod Kumar further stated that Charges IV, V, and VI were previously investigated, proved false, and not relevant to the current inquiry and requested that no separate inquiry is required and full exoneration.

6. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby decide and drop further action against the eight charged officers, namely (i) Sri M. Gopala Rao, former Municipal Commissioner, (ii) Smt. G. Govinda Kumari, TPO, (iii) Sri K. Hari Prasad, TPO, (iv) Sri P. Venkateswara Rao, TPS (Retd.), (v) Sri D.V.S. Yella Rao, former Tahsildar, (vi) Sri Banavath Jagan, the then Sub-Registrar, (vii) Sri Sriram Teja Boyina, the then RI, and (viii) Sri B.G.V. Veerabhadra Rao, former VRO, as all charges framed against them are held "Not Proved" in the inquiry. Further action against Sri M. Vinod Kumar, former Junior Assistant, is dropped in respect of Charges I, II, III, and VII, as these charges are "Not Proved." However, a separate inquiry shall be conducted into Charges IV, V, and VI, as recommended by the Inquiry Officer.

7. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Vaddeswaram being the competent authority, is directed to initiate a separate inquiry against Sri M. Vinod Kumar in respect of the charges IV, V, and VI, ensuring compliance with the A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

8. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Vaddeswaram Village, Mangalagiri, the Director of Town & Country Planning, A.P., Mangalagiri, & Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P shall take necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri M. Gopala Rao, former Municipal Commissioner, Pedana Municipality, Krishna District, through the C&DMA, A.P., Vaddeswaram Village, Mangalagiri.

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Sri M. Vinod Kumar, former Junior Assistant, Pedana Municipality, Krishna District, through the C&DMA, A.P., Vaddeswaram Village, Mangalagiri.
Smt. G. Govinda Kumari, TPO, Pedana Municipality, Krishna District, through the DTCP, AP.
Sri K. Hari Prasad, TPO, Pedana Municipality, Krishna District, through the DTCP, AP.
Sri P. Venkateswara Rao, TPS (Retd.), Pedana Municipality, Krishna District, through DTCP, AP.
Sri D.V.S. Yella Rao, former Tahsildar, Pedana, Krishna District, through the CCLA, AP.
Sri Banavath Jagan, the then Sub-Registrar, Pedana, Krishna District, through the CCLA, AP.
Sri Sriram Teja Boyina, the then Revenue Inspector, Pedana, Krishna District, through the CCLA, AP.
Sri B.G.V. Veerabhadra Rao, former Village Revenue Officer, Pedana, Krishna District, through the CCLA, AP.
The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Vaddeswaram Village, Mangalagiri.
The Director of Town & Country Planning, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

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The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, A.P. Secretariat.
The Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, Pandit Nehru Bus Station, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner, Pedana Municipality, Krishna District.
The Revenue Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi (for information regarding revenue employees).
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister, MA&UD
The PS to Principal Secretary, MA&UD.
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